

Thank you for taking the time to contact me about your interest in attending one of the United States military service academies. There are few more noble or important commitments than attending one of the service academies. Acceptance to such an institute will provide you with a world-class education and provide our nation with another brave officer who is dedicated to preserving and defending our freedom.

You will need to submit the following to apply:

I have enclosed an application packet for your convenience. It includes an application, which requires a photo and an essay as to why you want to attend the academy of your choice and serve in the United States Armed Forces, which should be no more than two pages long. Three letters of recommendation are also required, one of which should be from a school counselor or principal. Three recommendation forms, which can be used for a recommendation or as a guide for a letter of recommendation on letterhead, are enclosed. Please return this completed application to my Utica District Office, 258 Genesee Street, First Floor, Utica, New York, 13502.

As part of your application, you also need to apply to the academy directly. This can be done on the Internet:

United States Air Force Academy: www.academyadmissions.com/

United States Merchant Marine Academy: www.usmma.edu/

United States Military Academy: www.usma.edu.

United States Naval Academy: www.usna.edu

Lastly, your guidance counselor will need to submit a copy of your high school transcript to my office. Your transcript must include your three year average, rank in class, and the results of your SAT and/or ACT test scores. You can send this information separate from your application package if it is more convenient.

ALL INFORMATION (APPLICATIONS, TRANSCRIPT, ETC.) MUST BE IN MY OFFICE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2013-NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE

After your application is received, they will be reviewed by my Academy Committee, which is composed of veterans, educators and other community leaders in the 22nd Congressional District. The Committee will schedule a personal interview with all applicants in November. You will be notified of the date, time and location of your interview at that time.

Thank you again for your interest in the service academies, and your desire to serve your country. Through the sacrifices and service of our veterans, this nation has remained free.

Please contact me anytime through my Utica District Office at 1-315-724-9740 with questions or concerns. I value the opportunity to assist you and look forward to hearing from you.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Hanna", with a stylized, cursive script.

RICHARD HANNA
U.S. Representative